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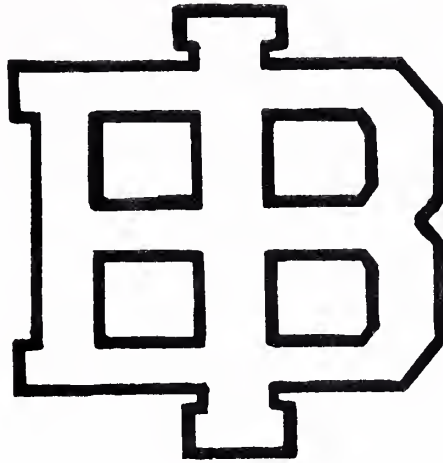


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THE STUDENTS
OF
BIG ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL
Big Island, Virginia



Mr. Willis Oglesby
Principal

Foreword

We, the Senior Class of Nineteen hundred sixty-one have come to the close of our career at Big Island High. These days represent our happiest and most profitable days.

In order to preserve some of our fond memories of this school year, we offer this nineteen hundred sixty-one ISLANDER.



Dedication

To one whose tireless energy and her inspiring work during our high school years, to one who has contributed much time and effort to our High School Careers and the general welfare of the school. We, the Senior Class of nineteen hundred sixty-one in gratitude and appreciation, do dedicate this nineteen hundred sixty-one Volume of "The Islander" to Mrs. Sylvia Mason, our school secretary and friend.

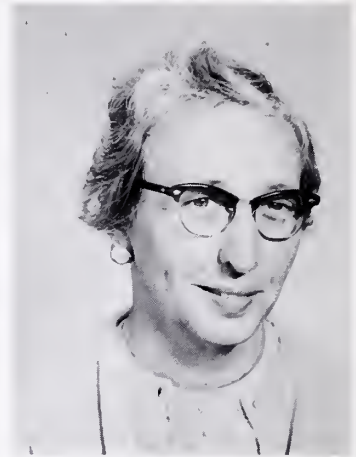
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University of Virginia



Mrs. J. C. Oliver
Librarian



Mrs. Margaret Parks
St. Joseph College, A.B.



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Madison College, B.S.



Mrs. Sylvia Mason
Secretary to Principal



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Wake Forest, A.B.



Mr. Delbert Adkins
West Virginia Tech., B.S.



Miss Gloria Bryant
Lynchburg College, B.A.



Mr. Newton
Hampton Sidney College,
A.B.; Princeton Uni-
versity, M.A.

Senior Class Officers



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Vice-President	DAVID ARTHUR
Secretary	MICKEY DOUGLAS
Treasurer	PAT THOMAS
Reporter	ALICE BURKS

Senior Class Mascots

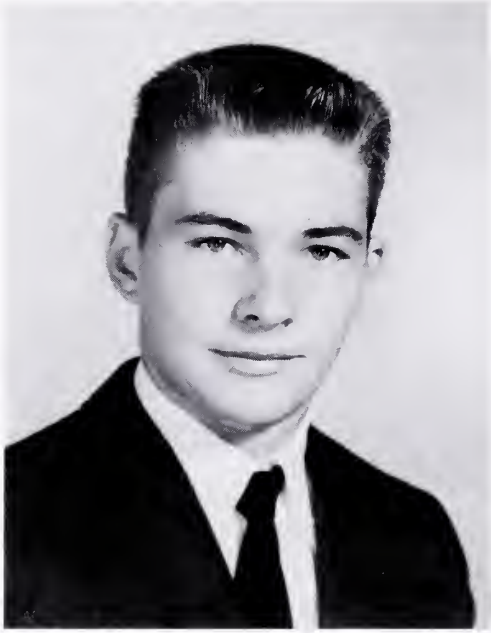


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Son of Mr. & Mrs. Essex Burks



Cindy McNeely
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. McNeely

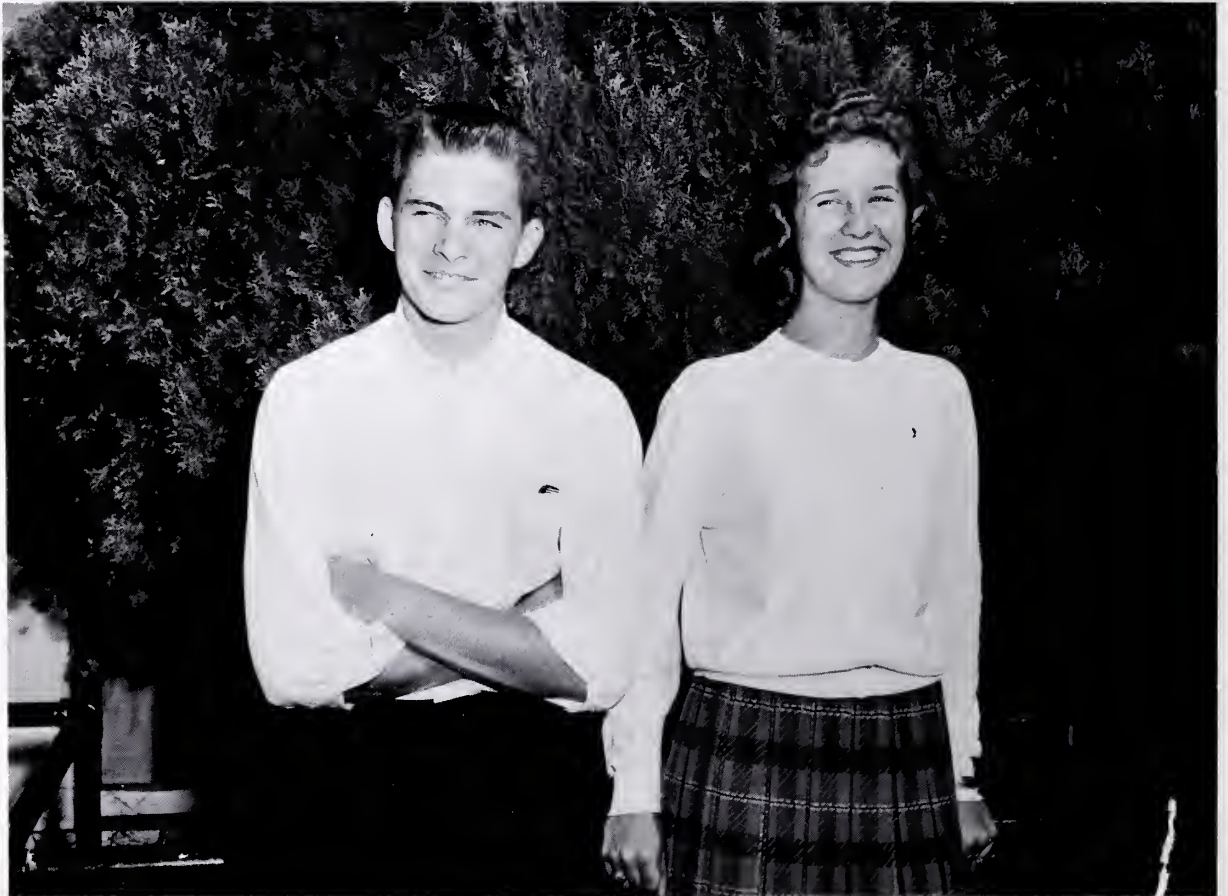
Senior Class



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ALICE BURKS



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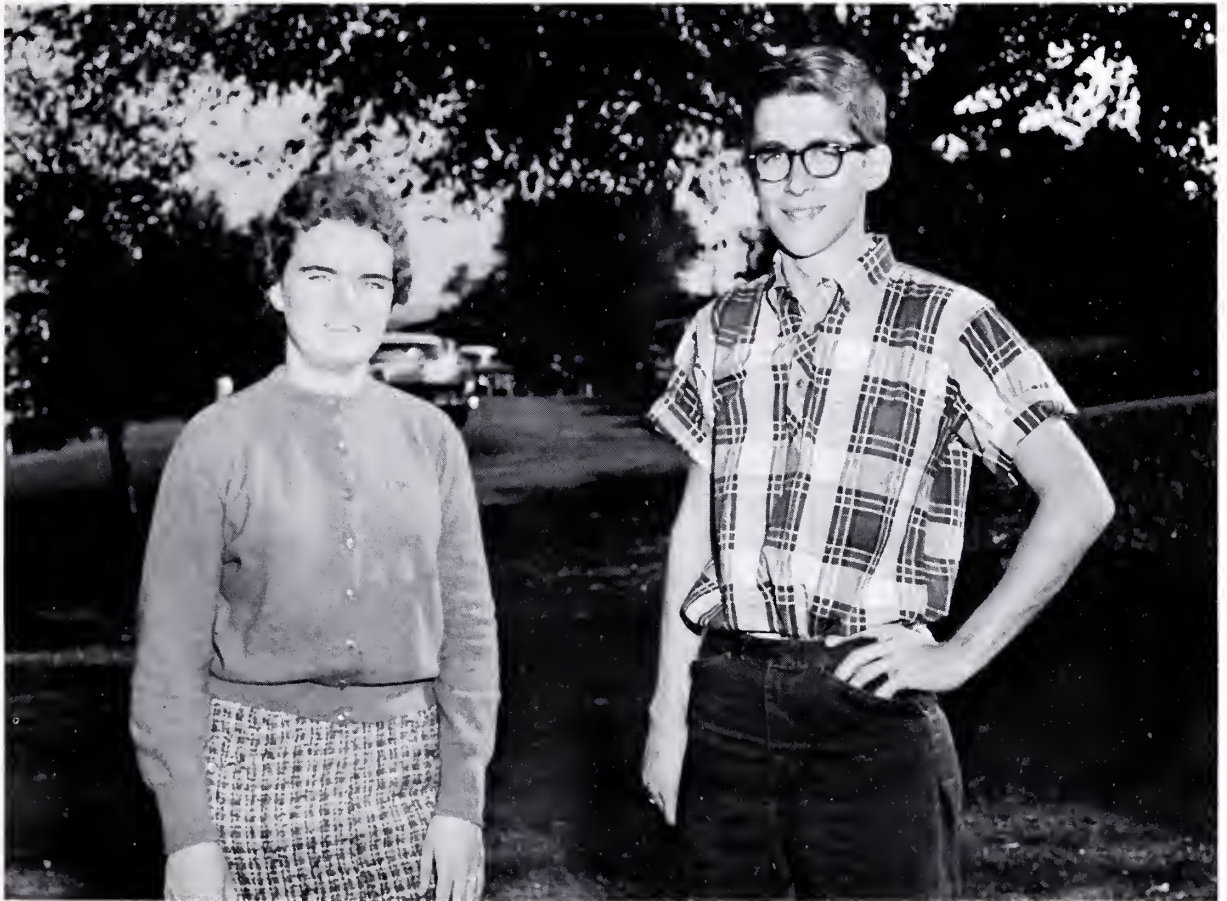
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JIMMY DOWNEY



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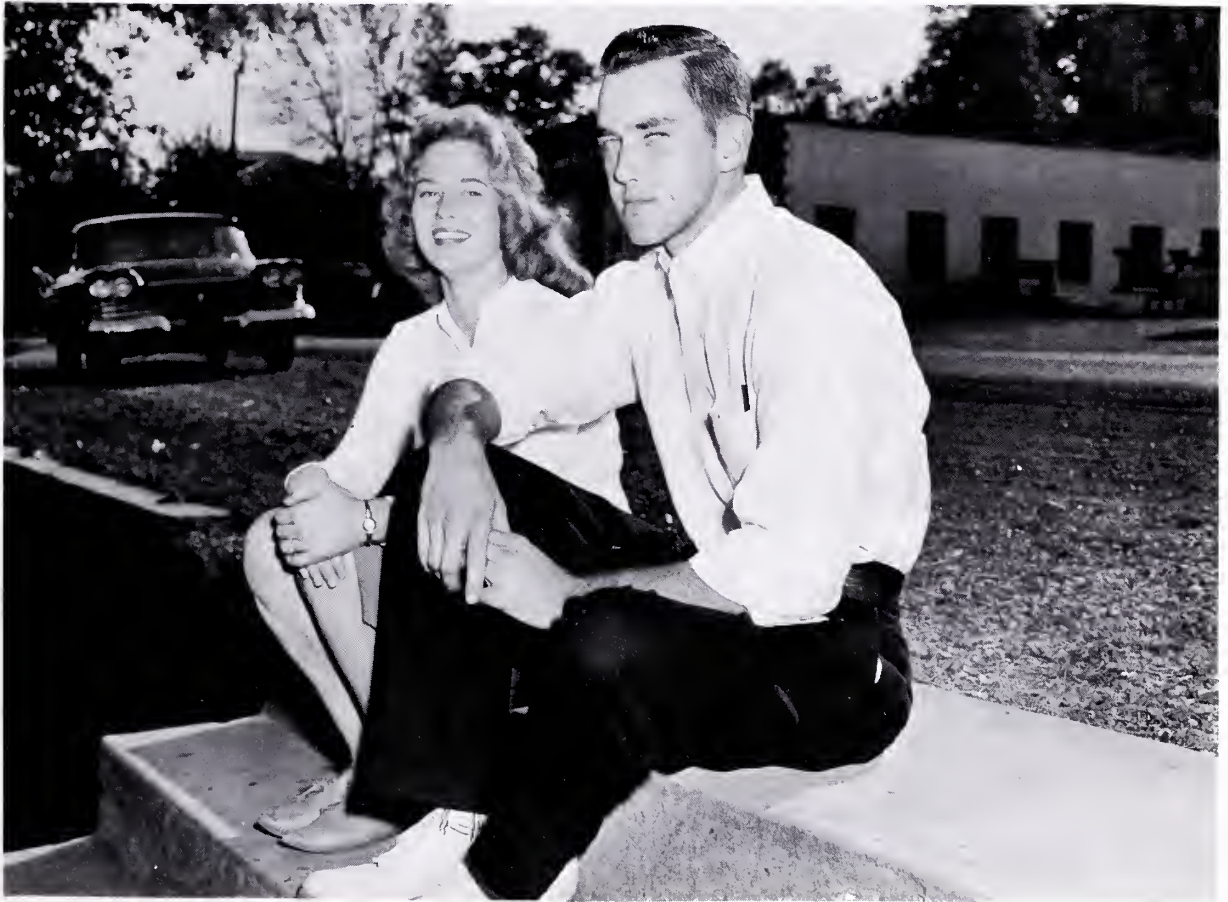
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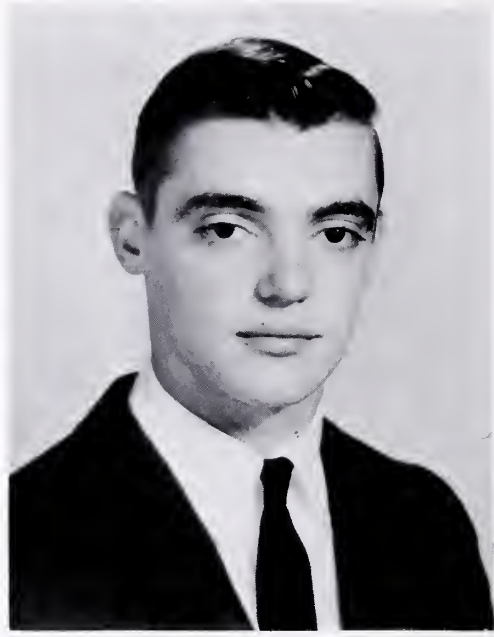
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Senior Class



JOHNNY REYNOLDS



BARRY SPENCE



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VINCENT TANNER



PATSY THOMAS



Senior Class



BEATRICE TOLLEY



DOROTHY WILSON



Senior Class



SUSIE WOODFIN



Class Will

We, the 1961 Seniors of Big Island High School, being of sound mind, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

To Mr. Oglesby, our beloved principal, we wish to express appreciation for the patience and guidance in which he has endured us through these many years.

To Mrs. Oliver, our wonderful Senior Sponsor, we leave a more industrious Senior Class next year.

To Mrs. Parks, we want to express thanks for the efforts that she made in trying to help us to be better students.

To Miss Owen, we leave a private Home Ec. Department, and a yearly planned lunchroom menu.

To Mr. Adkins, we leave a well organized Government Class, and a new Gym Floor.

To Mrs. Neal, we leave a memorizing machine, and more literature books.

To Miss Bryant, we leave better typewriters, and speedier typing students.

To Mr. Newton, we leave a hot rod, and a jug of coffee.

To the Elementary Teachers, we wish to leave our thanks for their patience with us, and for starting us on our way.

To our kind secretary, Mrs. Mason, we leave more dependable students and an automatic bell.

To the Junior Class, we leave the honor of becoming Seniors.

To the Sophomore Class, we leave the excitement of receiving their class rings and the Junior-Senior Prom.

To the Freshman Class, we leave our sympathy for having three more years in school.

To the Eighth Grade, we leave our studious habits and good grades.

I, David Arthur, do will my good looks to Ronnie Martin.

Class Will

- I, Truly Branch, do will my sweet smile to Jane Dawson.
- I, Alice Burks, do will my weight to Sandra Wood.
- I, Allen Burks, do will my ability to skip class to Stuart Knight.
- I, Betty Byers, do will my black hair to Barbara Markham.
- I, Jean Campbell, do will my quiet ways to Barbara Coleman.
- I, Mickey Douglas, do will my short curls to Pearl Goff.
- I, Jimmy Downey, do will my 3rd. period job to Alan Spence.
- I, Johnny Goff, do will my Refree's whistle to Frank Bechmann.
- I, Nancy Goff, do will my witty ways to Carol Wright.
- I, Shirley Hickman, do will my quiet ways to Steve Wilson.
- I, Margaret Martin, do will my driver's license to Sandra Wood.
- I, Wayne Neas, do will my height to Wray Massie.
- I, Pat O'Conner, do will my long blonde hair to Carol Wright.
- I, Lois Peters, do will my flirty ways to Frank Bechmann.
- I, Harold Plott, do will my bus keys to Pearl Goff.
- I, Johnny Reynolds, do will my basketball suit to Jimmy Goff.
- I, Barry Spence, do will my beautiful eyes to Bernice Goff.
- I, Vincent Tanner, do will my nice personality to Roger Boothe.
- I, Patsy Thomas, do will my long, curly hair to Bernice Goff.
- I, Beatrice Tolley, do will my love letters to Alan Spence.
- I, Dorothy Wilson, do will my ability for basketball to Barbara Markham.
- I, Susie Woodfin, do will my free life to Stuart Knight.

Class Prophecy

It's the Spring of 1971, and we return to Big Island for the first time since graduation in 1961. A big industrial city had replaced the quiet little village.

As we tour the city in my new car, we wonder about the people we left behind, especially our classmates. Look! Mickey Douglas, a classmate-quickly we cross the street to a Restaurant, owned by Barry Spence, who is the husband of Betty St. John.

We proceeded to Mickey's home, "Rusher's Haven". She and John happily married, have five children and he's the owner of Rusher's Box Factory.

Being curious, I asked Mickey about our classmates-She began telling about Truly Casto, who was married in her Senior year. They now have three children and Neil is president of Owen-III. Glass Co.

Another, Shirley Hickman still resides in Big Island and teaches Home Economics in the school and is single as yet, but we saw a large diamond sparkle.

We decided to go to Lynchburg in hopes we'd see some of the classmates there, and there stood Nancy Goff, a registered nurse of Va. Baptist Hospital. She is married to Johnny Overstreet and are proud parents of twins. Nancy informed us, that Vincent Tanner and Jean Campbell were professors at Lynchburg College, and Vincent owned the Tanner Dairy (near the college).

Johnny Goff, also a resident of Lynchburg and was a professional basketball player & owned Goff's Youth Center.

From Lynchburg, we continued to Bedford where we saw Bea Tolley and she's married to Alvin Snead and spends most of her time with her little Sneads.

Continuing on to Clifton Forge to visit my Uncle, I saw Allen Burks and he said my uncle and he were partners in a business concern. He also said David A. was a professor of Math at V.P.I. and was married to Nancy Blankenship, formally of B.I.H.S., but live with their three daughters in Lexington.

David's pal, Wayne Neas is now in North Carolina, having graduated from Harvard College, majoring in the field of Forestry and now owner of Neas Bear Park.

Class Prophecy

Furthering our journey, we stopped off in New York, to continue our visit of classmates, Patsy Thomas and Lois Peters. Patsy having married Ronnie Overstreet, a professional football player, and they are very happy over their twins, & Pat is content being a housewife and mother. Lois, a famous artist, being made famous by paintings of her former home. (B.I.)

We inquired of the balance of our classmates and found many were in Uncle Sam's Service. Pat O'Conner was in Germany, with her husband Serg. Carl Watkins. Pat a great designer, spends most of her time designing clothes for Paris.

Johnny Reynolds (Woman Hater) an officer of U.S. Air Force is stationed in Paris, France where he stars as a player on the Air Force Basketball Team and shall we say, still single.

Lois said, Dorothy Wilson, Susie Woodfin, were residents of Florida. Dorothy is the wife of Cecil Stanley and is pursuing her career of Singing. Susie is with Dickie and the three boys and still enjoys making fudge, but now in her own Candy Shop.

Jimmy Downey located at Cape Canneral, is resting, having just completed his own private plane. Although pursued, by many girls, he has escaped the marriage-tie.

We started for home and thought of Harold Plott, located in Hollywood, Cal., now a famous actor and owner of New Paramount Plott Studio.

As we continue home (Los Angeles) we saw a sign, "Martin's Beauty Salon", a chain of Salons owned by Margaret Martin.

Our journey coming to an end, we stopped at Robert's Trailer Parks, where I left my former classmate, Betty Byers, now married to Walt Roberts. They have two little Roberts and Betty writes for the Post Magazine.

Now having contacted all classmates of 1961, I shall now say, I'm married to Rodney Monroe, a Navy officer and am Secretary to the mayor of Los Angeles. We have a little Monroe, "Marlyn".

Hall of Fame



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED



MOST ARTISTIC



BEST PERSONALITY



MOST ATHLETIC



BEST ACTOR & ACTRESS



MOST ABSENT MINDED



WITTIEST

Hall of Fame



FRIENDLIEST



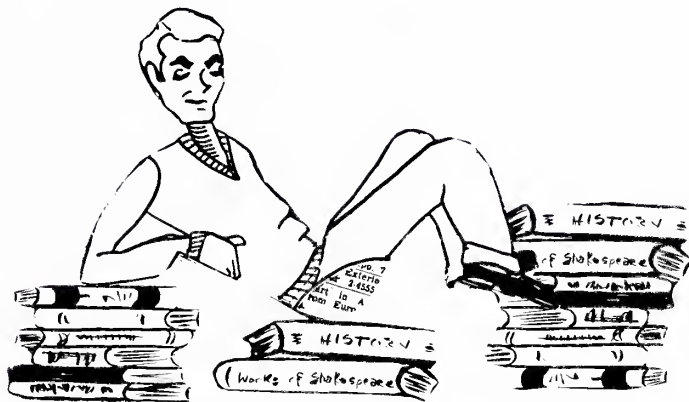
MOST DIGNIFIED



MOST BASHFUL



QUIETEST



MOST IN LOVE



BEST LOOKING

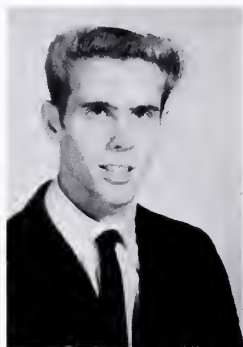


JOLLIEST

Junior Class



Judy Arrington



Frank Bechmann



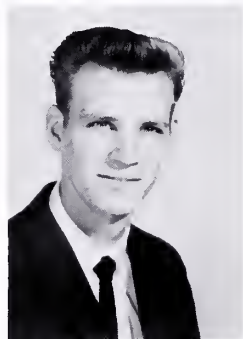
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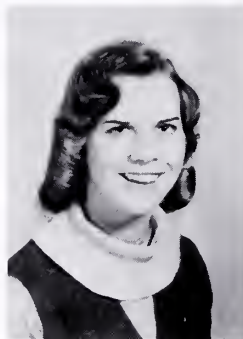
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Jane Dawson



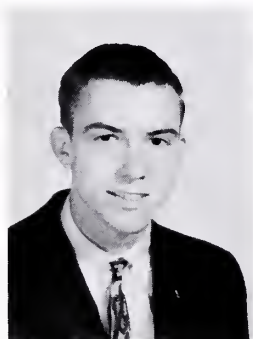
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Bernice Goff



Pearl Goff



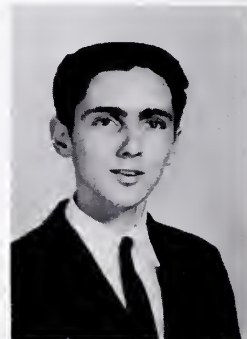
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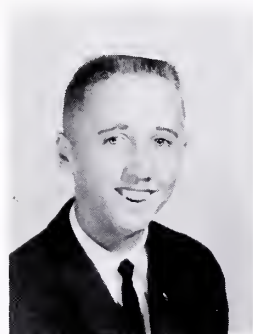
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Ronnie Martin



Wray Massie



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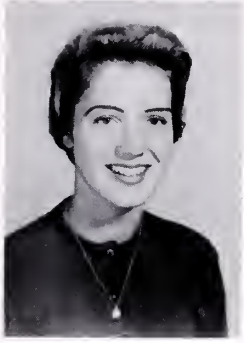


Sandra Wood



Carol Wright

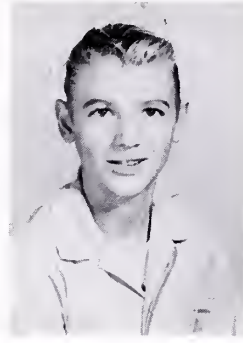
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Nancy Blakenship



Rosilita Branch



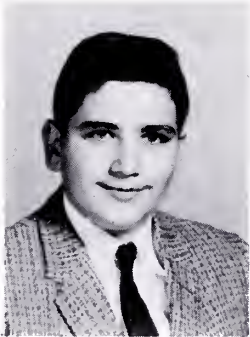
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Danny Burks



Gloria Burks



Ronnie Burks



Becky Dawson



Marion Fitzgerald



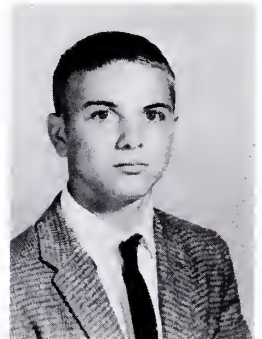
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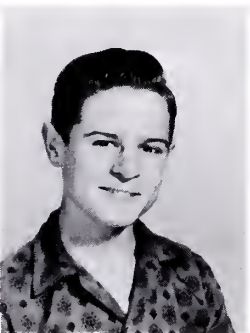
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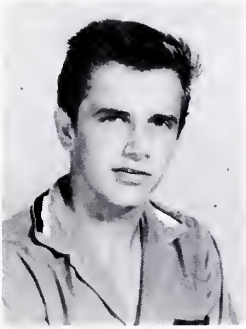


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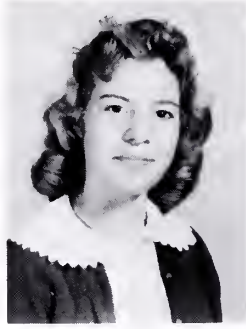


Ann Massie

Sophomore Class



Roger McDowell



Helen Peters



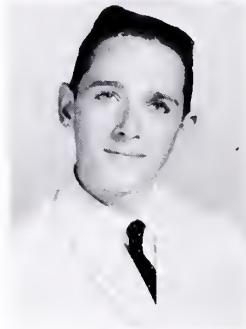
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Sandra Snead



Audery Tolley



Ray Tolley



Betty Trevey



Bob Trevey



Elsie Whorley



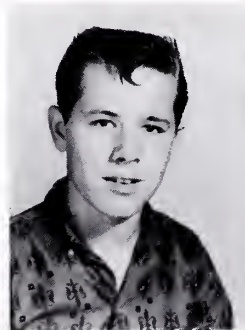
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Patsy Tomlinson



Randel Wilson



Wayne Wilson

Freshman Class



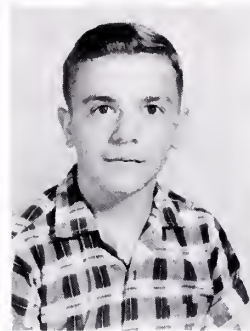
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Emma Jean Branch



Phillis Beard



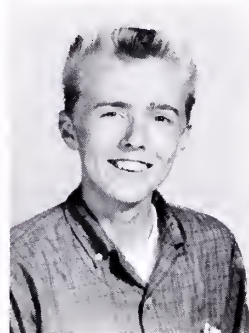
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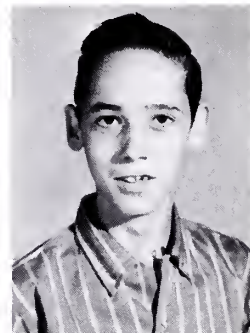
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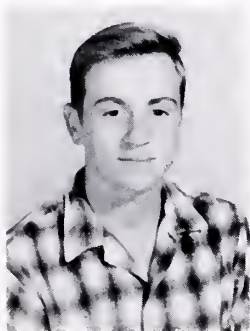
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Tommy Farley



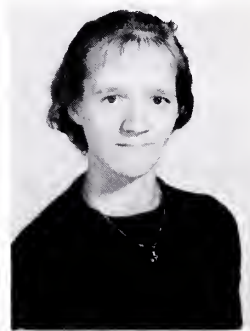
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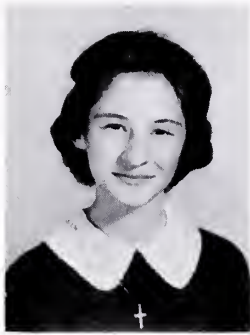


Joyce Goff



Doris Hickman

Freshman Class



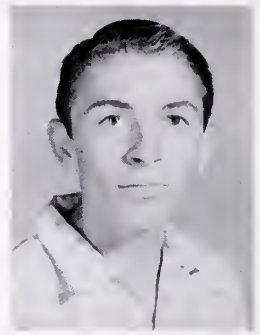
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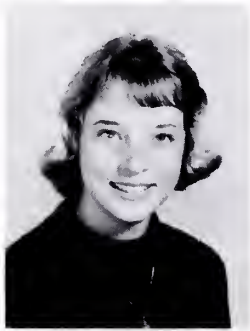
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Leo Packett



Cecil Ramsey



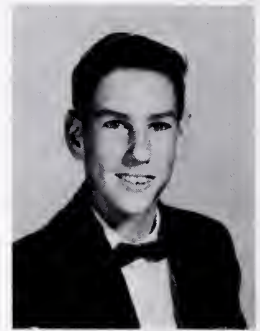
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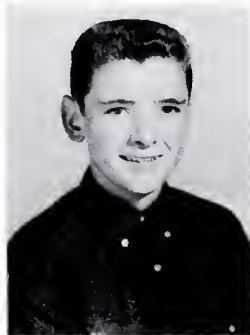
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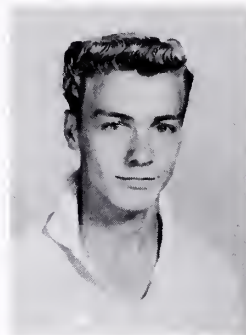
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Jon Williams



ry Wilcher



Betty Wright



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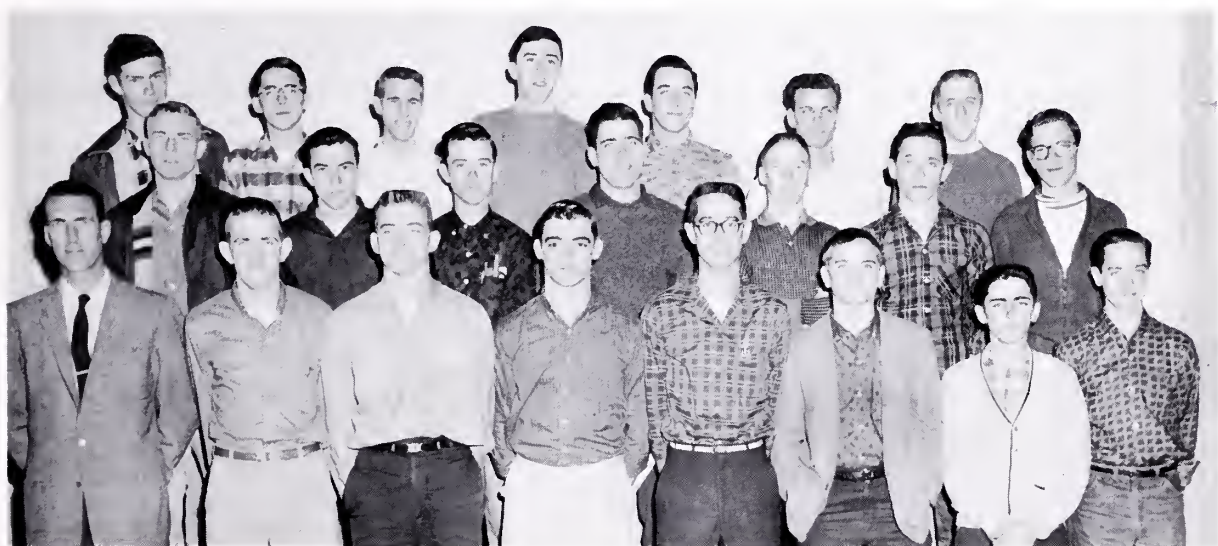
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Reporter	Sharon Ross
Historian	Nancy Blankenship
Federation Officer	Mickey Douglas

Keep Virginia Green Crew



First Row: Mr. Oglesby, Johnny Goff, David Author, Barry Spence, Vincent Tanner, Larry Ives, Wray Massie, Randell Wilson. Second Row: Johnny Reynolds, Stewart Knight, Danny Burks, Allen Burks, Bob Trevey, Ray Tolley, Steve Wilson. Third Row: Roger Booth, Jimmy Downey, Frank Bechmann, Wayne Neas, Harold Plott, Jimmy Goff, Allen Spence.

Student Council



First Row: Wray Massie, Jane Dawson, Emma Jean Branch, Lois Peters, Sandra Spence. Second Row: Stewart Knight, Tony Ware, James Richey, Linda Yoder. Third Row: Wayne Neas, Johnny Reynolds, Dorothy Wilson, Judy Arrington, Truly Casto, Nancy Goff.

Glee Club



First Row: Lois Peters, Dona Humphreys, Pat O'Conner, Susie Woodfin, Marie Peters, Rosalita Branch, Carolyn Reves, Marion Fitzgerald. Second Row: Cecelia Collins, Gloria Burks, Barbara Markham, Rebecca Dawson, Ann Massie, Carol Hart, Sandra Spence. Third Row: Miss Page, Nancy Goff, Jean Campbell, Shirley Hickman, Marion Hudson, Gale Tomlinson, Brenda Goff, Marie Arrington, Nancy Wilson. Fourth Row: Dorothy Wilson, Patsy Tomlinson, Sandra Snead, Judy Arrington, Pearl Goff, Joyce Goff, Bernice Goff, Margaret Martin. Fifth Row: Jane Dawson, Mickey Douglas, Nancy Blankenship, Patsy Thomas, Truly Casto, Ronnie Burks, Steve Wilson. Sixth Row: Carol Wright, Betty Wright, Sandra Wood, Betty Trevey, Vincent Tanner, Barry Spence, Johnny Goff, Jimmy Downey.

Beta

Club



President Mickey Douglas
 Vice-President. Wray Massie
 Secretary Judy Arrington
 Treasurer Dorothy Wilson

Truly Casto, Jean Campbell, Wayne Neas
 Betty Byers, Vincent Tanner, Alice Burks
 Pearl Goff, Bernice Goff, Sandra Wood
 Steve Wilson, Alan Spence, Stuart Knight



SPORTS



Cheerleaders

Left to right: Emma Jean Branch, Pat O'Conner, Barbara Coleman, Gloria Burks, Helen Peters, Barbara Markham.

Co-Captains: Rebecca Dawson, Ann Massie.

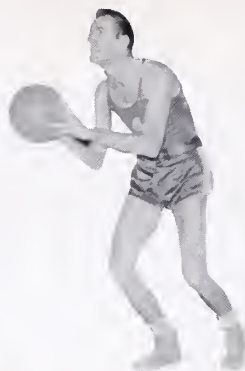
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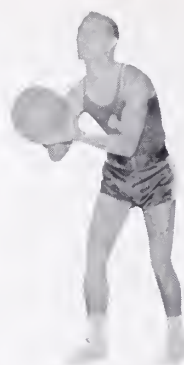
Barry Spence



David Arthur
Co-Captain



Johnny Goff
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Johnny Reynolds

Wayne Neas



Boys' Basketball Team



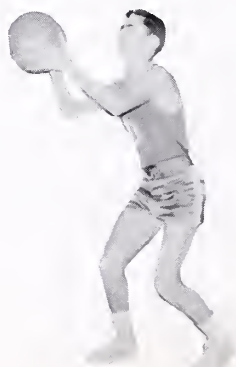
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Bob Trevey



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Patsy Thomas

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Girls' Basketball Team



Betty Trevey

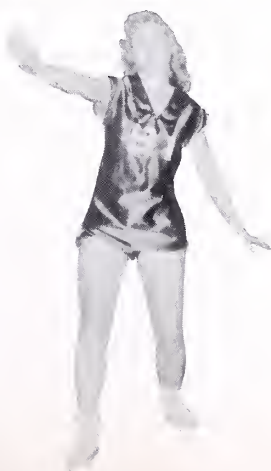
Susie Woodfin



Alice Burks



Lois Peters



Judy Arrington



Sandra Spence



Boys' Baseball Team



Front Row, Left to Right: Larry Ives, Wray Massie, Bob Trevey. Second Row, Left to Right: Johnny Goff, David Arthur, Wayne Neas, Barry Spence, Mr. Adkins (coach). Third Row, Left to Right: Vincent Tanner, Alan Spence, Allen Burks, and Johnny Reynolds.

Girls' Volleyball Team



Co-Captains: Dorothy Wilson, Mickey Douglas, Nancy Wilson.

First Row: Dorothy Wilson, Mickey Douglas, Nancy Wilson. Second Row: Judy Arrington, Alice Burks, Carol Hart, Ann Massie. Third Row: Margaret Martin, Betty Trevey, Sandra Spence, Nancy Blankenship, Nancy Goff, Lois Peters.

Boys' Volleyball Team



First Row: Wray Massie, Barry Spence, Wayne Neas, Vincent Tanner, Mr. Adkins. Second Row: Bob Trevey, Stuart Knight, David Arthur, Johnny Reynolds. Third Row: Frank Bechmann, Roger Booth, Johnny Goff, Jimmy Downey, Alan Spence, Allen Burks.

Fifth Grade



First Row: Glenn Burks, Steve Wright, Patsy Goff, Peggy Goff, Larry Routon, Susan Goff, Linda Ives, Johnny O'Conner, Irene Floyd, Jean Hawkins, Mrs. Oliver. Second Row: Russell Burks, Mary Lee Spear, Galen Wilson, Grace Campbell, Phillis Gibson, Nancy Thomas, Joanne Adams, Mary Lou Collier, Mitch Snead, Willie Buck Douglas, Michael Long, Clyde Wilson. Third Row: Jerry Wilson, Virginia Nichols, Fred Whorley, Shelby Dawson, David Burks, Charles Grant, Linda Staton, Larry L. Whorley, Larry J. Whorley. Fourth Row: George Goff, David Fitzgerald, Rickey Jones, Jesse Goff, Bobby Goff, James Burks, Joyce Jones, Peggy Goff, Charles Goff.

Fifth and Sixth Grade



First Row: Carolyn Davis, Rowelder Gibson, Johnny Gilmer, Wayne McDaniel, Diane Tomlin, Ronn Fainter, Patsy McDowell, Rebecca Leftwich, Lynn Humphreys. Second Row: Mrs. Edwards, Wayne Wright, Jimmy Byers, Wesley Manley, Micheal Tomlin, Darlene Wise, Louise Burks, Vernon Goff, Danny Wilcher. Third Row: William Bowles, Virginia Ann Gilmer, Dallas Staton, Benjamin Nichols, William Goff, Linda Goff. Absent: Gary Brown, Carolyn Brown.

Fourth Grade



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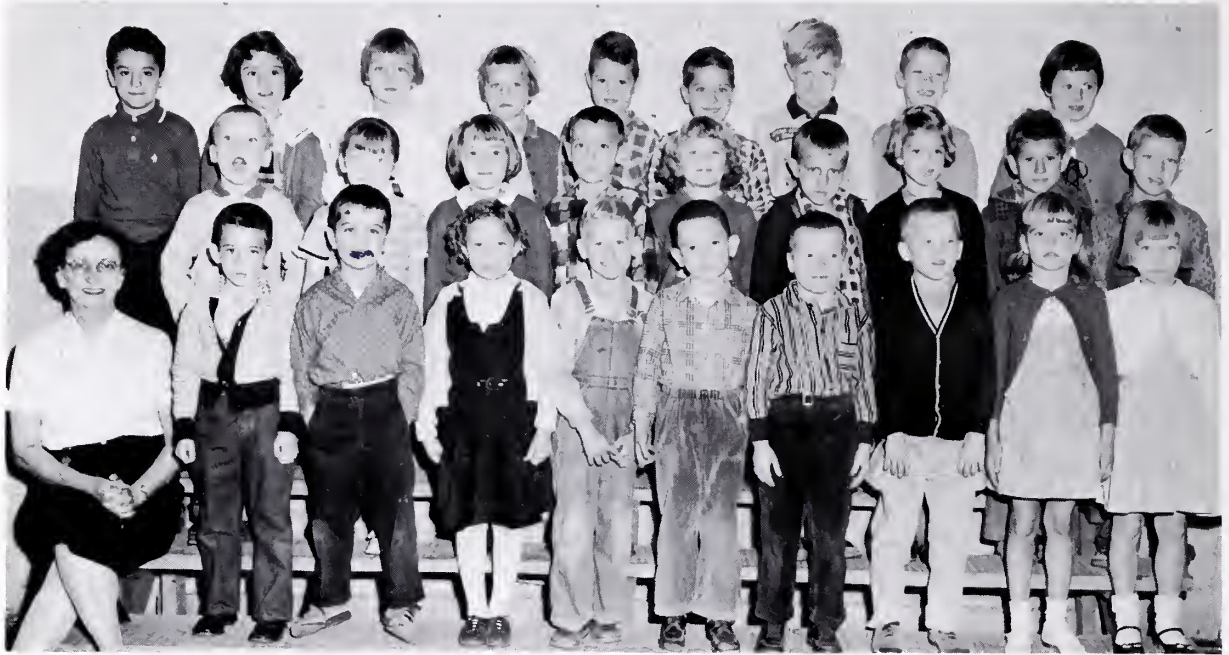
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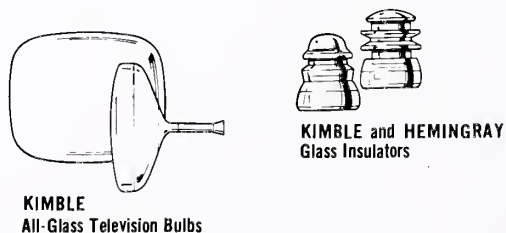
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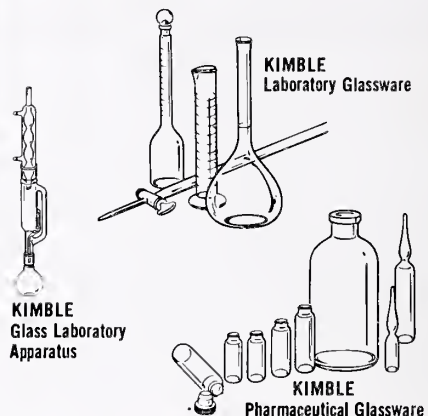
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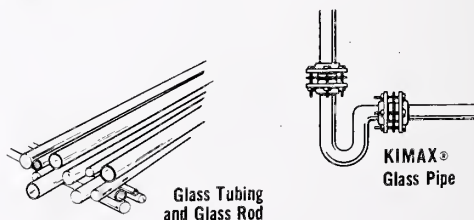
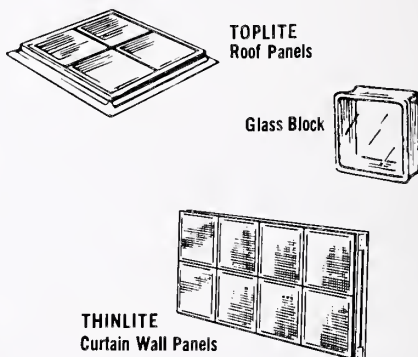
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